### OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMIN.

The One Thing Needful. "I remember," says the Rev. George Burder, takwoman whose house was on fire. She was very active in removing her goods, but forgot her child who was sleeping in the cradle. At length she remembered the babe, and ran with earnest desire to save it. But alas, it was too late; the suffocating smoke and roaring flames forced her back, and in an agony which none out a bereaved mother knows, she exclaimed, 'Oh, my child, my child! I have saved my goods, but I have lost my child!"

So will it be with many a one at the last, who, "careful and troubled about many things," has

forgotten his soul.

forgetten his soul.

I got a good trade, will one say—but lost my soul; I got office, will another say—but lost my soul; I got friends, but God is mine enemy; I got pleasure, but now I am in pain; I got the world, but alas, I am now in hell, too poor, too helpleas to obtain a drop of water to cool my parched

The loss of the soul is a loss irreparable Other losses may be repaired, but there is no second soul for him who has lost one. Reader, take care of thy soul first, other matters afterwards; for though the body dies, the soul lives. And now, if ever, it must be saved. "Now," emphatically, "Is the accepted time;" and now "is the day of salvation."—Religious Herald.

### SUMMARY OF GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

PRIENDS. -The Society of Friends has been reported to be dying out, but according to their official statement, this does not appear to be the case. At the just ending yearly meeting of the Ortho-dox body in this city, it was reported that their numbers had increased by about 1500 during the past year, and there are signs of renewed activity and vigor in the body which give promise of a long life-tenure. The interest taken in Sunday Schools is a good evidence of this, as well as the decline of exclusiveof this, as well as the decline of exclusive-ness, as shown by a resolution at the late yearly meetings of the society, that the busi-ness meetings of the society should not be re-stricted to members alone, but that any persons interested in their proceedings might attend. There are twelve independent yearly meetings of Friends; that of London, where the records are preserved from the year 1672, being the oldest. The number of members in England is 13,815, while there is an attendance of non-members to the number of 3659. There is one yearly meeting in Ireland, one in Canada, and nine in the United States, viz.:—New England, New York, Phila-delphia, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western Indiana, and Iowa. The increase of membership has been rapid of late years in the South and West, and new settlements of Friends are forming in Kansas and Missouri. The total membership is estimated at about 82 000. Firstday schools have been largely established in the West. In the State of Indiana alone there are 178 such schools, with 1121 teachers and 13,123 pupils. In North Carolina a Sunday Normal school has been established. The Friends have three colleges in this country, viz., Haverford College, in Pennsylvania; Earlham College, in Richmond, Ind.; and Whittier College, at Salem,

PRESBYTERIAN. -Ine United Presbyterian Assembly pro-nounced, at its late meeting, in favor of allow--The United Presbyterian Assembly ing a marriage with a deceased wife's sister, notwithstanding one of the laws of the Church forbids a widower's marriage within any nearer degrees of consanguinity to his deceased wife

at West Town, Pa.: Providence, R. I.: Union Springs, N. Y.; New Garden, N. C., and other places.—N. Y. Evening Post.

They have also large boarding-houses

-The Scotch Presbyterian Assemblies have been holding their annual meetings. The United Presbyterians expressed their general satisfaction with Mr. Cladstone's Disendowment bill, but protested against the grants proposed for May-nooth College and for the Irish Presbyterians as exorbitant and objectionable. The number of congregations was reported at 599, and the members at 177,905. The Free Church Assembly's interest was absorbed in the question of union with the United Presbyterians. Nogotiations with a view to union have been making for five years. The difficulty has been a fear on the part of the Free Church that their brethren were not strenuous enough on the duty of the State to support the Church; for, though the Free Church refuses aid from the State under the conditions on which the State will give aid, it is firm in the opinion that the State ought to aid in its support. The friends of union pressed the measure of continuing a committee on the subject of union, who should do nothing more than report progress a year hence; at which time, after a period during which the Church might consider the subject, the Assembly might remit the proposition to the presbyteries for their decision. After bitter opposition by Dr. Horatius Bonar and others, it was carried by an overwhelming vote. In 1867 the vote for union was about 3 to 1, in 1868 it was 4 to 1, and now is nearly 5 to 1. The discussion was protracted till long after midnight, and it was past I when the vote was taken. Dean Stanley was present till the end of the debate. The meeting of the Assembly of the Established Church was of no special interest.—Indepen-

-The corner-stone of a new church edifice was laid at Goshen, N. Y., May 11. The church was organized in 1720.

-The number of graduates from theological institutions this year was 101. They were divided among the different seminaries as follows:-Princeton, 23; Allegheny, 14; Chicago,

14: Union, 37: Auburn, 14: Lane, 9.

—Rev. Henry B. Smith, D. D., says the Evangelist, was, at last advices, in the south of France, slowly recovering from the prostration induced by many years of exhausting labor. -A correspondent of the Evangelist thus de-

scribes the success that has attended the labors of Rev. J. B. Dunn, of the Beech Street Church, New York .- "Church income raised from \$1900 to \$8000 in a year, the membership increased by one hundred and eighty, an empty house now filled in the aisles with camp-stools, and \$30,000 raised to sweep off an old debt in a day! The man who has done this great year's work is no genius, but a 'terrible toller,' loves to save souls, and has got hold of the Scotch-Irish element

and the young men."

—Mr. Edward Riggs was ordained in New York on the 13th inst. He is to go as a missionary to Turkey.

- Peter Matthews, a full-blooded Indian, formerly a private in Company E. 40th Iowa Infantry, is preparing to become a Methodist mis-

Sionary.

The Methodist preachers of New York have . Instructed a committee to select places for street preaching, and to ask the Mayor for leave to occupy them.

-The largest Methodist salary paid in New England is \$2500 and house-rent, to the pastor of Tremont Street Church, Boston. The largest membership, 648, with 48 probationers, is that of

St. Paul's Church, Lowell.

—Several of the Methodist bishops, including Bishops Morris, Simpson, and Kingsley, have declared for lay representation. The elections held thus far indicate that it will pass by a large vote, Those reported by the Methodist are 1461 for it to 598 against. The Chicago Advocate has reports of 1792 votes for and 228 against the measure. The Pittsburg

Advocate has reports of 1871 for to 458 against it. About three-fourths of the members stay away from the polls.

Bishop Simpson thus defines the plan submitted to the churches for action. The plan, he said, would not admit any laymen into the Annual Conference, nor give them anything whatever to do with the appointing of preachers. But from the larger conferences two laymen are to be sent to the General Conference, and from the smaller ones one. When the General Conference was so organized, the preachers would vote on any proposed measure, and, if carried, it would be voted on by the laity, and, if carried, would then become a law. Neither the clergy nor the laity could do anything without the concurrence of the other branch of the conference. This, it was said, would be a check ppon hasty and inconsiderate legislation.

Rev. Dr. George Peck, who has been in the Methodist ministry for nearly lifty-three years, and is now an effective Presiding Elder of the Wyoming Conference, celebrated his golden wedding on June 10, in Scranton, Pa.

Secular priest has been condemned to an ordinary jail, instead of being confined to an or Wyoming Conference, celebrated his golden wedding on June 10, in Scranton, Pa.

—The first class graduated at Drew Seminary received their diplomas May 20.

BAPTIST. -The Sabbath School of the Memorial Baptist Church, northeast corner Broad and Master streets, celebrated their first jubilee meeting on Thursday evening last. The chapel was taste-

Over the pulpit, suspended from an arch, was an elegant bell of the choicest flowers. The school, as well as the church, is n the most flourishing condition. Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D., is the pastor. —Rev. Moses Rowley, Secretary of the Wis-onsin Baptist Missionary Society, furnishes the Standard with the following figures:—"At the meeting of the society, at Mazo Manie, May 25, the condensed report of their missionaries ex-

hibited the following as their first quarter's labor, equal to one missionary one year and nine weeks:—150 sermons in thirty churches; 2 councils and 65 other meetings attended; 494 families religiously visited; 6 times ordinance of Lord's Supper administered; 1 new church and several Sabbath Schools organized; \$255 received into the treasury, and over \$400 pledged; 5279 miles travelled in performing these labors. The society was organized in December last, and commissioned its three first missionaries without a dollar in its treasury.'

—We cut the following paragraph from the New York Tribune of last Tuesday morning. It is one of the signs of the times, and indicates an enterprise and vigor which, we doubt not, will yield a large and beneficent result:—

"The American Baptist Home Mission Society received, some time since, a promise from the officers of the Union Pacific Railway of lands on which to locate missions on the line of the road. In pursuance of that arrangement, a committee of the Home Mission Society, consisting of the Rev. Dr. E. E. L. Taylor, and Rev. Dr. J. L. Backus, Corresponding Secretaries of the Board; the Rev. Wayland Hoyt, of Brooklyn, a member of the Board, and the Rev. Dr. A. P. Mason, of Boston, Mass., the District Secretary of New England, will start this evening for Chicago, where they will take the Union Pacific Raiload for California. They will be accompanied by several friends, three ladies being in the party. They propose to select sites along the line of the road for the establishment of missions, the lots selected by them to be given by the management of the roads, both on the Union and the Central Pacific lines. The party will stop at Virginia City, Carson, Denver, Central City, and Nevada City, and possibly at other places on the route, and attend to mission interests. On their arrival in San Francisco, the committee propose to visit the important cities and towns in California and Oregon, on the Pacific coast. They expect to be gone between three and four months. "The American Baptist Home Mission Society re-

CONGREGATIONAL. -Rev. Samuel Nott, who, at one time, for twenty years was pastor of the church in Wareonn., died on the 1st at the residence of his son in Hartford, at the age of eighty-one. He graduated at Union College in 1808, and was a member of the second class at the Andover Theological Seminary (1810); was ordained 6th of February, 1812, and went out with Gordon Hall, Adoniram Judson, Samuel Newell, and Luther Rice, as the first company of missiona-ries sent out by the American Board. He was classmate at Andover with Drs. Gardiner Spring and R. S. Storrs.

-Rev. M. Gerould, after a ministry of more than forty years in Langdon, has resigned on account of the fallure of his eyes. A new church of eighty-one members.

called the Pilgrim Church, was organized in Providence, June 2,

—Mr. S. V. McDuffle was ordained at Craw-

fordsville, Iowa, May 25. -A church of nineteen members has just been formed at Cheyenne, on the Pacific Railroad, under the auspices of the Home Missionary Soclety. Cheyenne is an important point. It has become the capital of Wyoming, has the railroad shops of a division, has the Denver Branch, Fort Russell, with 1200 soldiers, and 5000 popu-

—What gives an appearance of fictitious strength to Roman Catholics is the fact that they mass into a single church what would make three or four Protestant congregations. Two Congregational churches in South Wey-mouth, Mass.—one of them 150 and the other 250 years old—propose to gain this advantage by uniting and building a new church. They are of about equal strength, and will have a consolidated membership of 250. A fine large edifice will be a bond of union between them .-Independent.

EPISCOPAL. -The parish of the Holy Trinity, in New York has just closed its fifth year. It supports, says the Protestant Churchman, five mission chapels and Sunday Schools, a Dispensary for the sick, several beds in St. Luke's Hospital and Home for the incurables, mothers' meetings, sewing schools, employment societies, and other connected charities. There are more than 1300 teachers and scholars connected with the Sunday School departmeet, whose missionary contributions for the past five years have amounted to \$8577. The church school numbers about 400 children and teachers. In money, during

this period, \$248,401 have been contributed.

On the 29th ult. the Zion Church was consecrated in Fonda, N. Y., by Bishop Doane.

—An extensive religious interest, under Episcopal influence, amounting to quite a revival, is reported in the Lexington (Va.) Military

-The report of the committee of the Epis-copal Convention of Virginia on the subject of nnovations is very severe against all High Church dogmas and practices.

—The Episcopal Convention of Connecticut

last week. A plan of life insurance was laid before the convention, by which the parish should by an annual payment of \$30 insure the rector's life for \$2000. Bishop Williams con-

firmed 1107 candidates the last year.

—The Rhode Island Episcopal Convention voted to pay the fees of the counsel which prosecuted Rev. J. P. Hubbard, his church not being required to contribute. The motion to pay Mr. Hubbard's counsel was defeated.

-The last suit against the Trinity Church corporation is based on the ground that it has for-felted its rights to its funds, because it has ceased to be "Protestant Episcopal," its rector having joined Dr. Ewer in calling Protestantism a failure; and also because the corporation will give no account of its funds, and perverts them to the

destruction of morals by leasing its property to those who keep houses of ill-fame.

—The Episcopal Convention of Ohio on June 3d thanked Bishop McIlyaine for his letter on the Prayer Book. The Evangelicals were in a majority, and successfully urged the advisability of revision of the Prayer book.

-An Episcopal minister at Lafavette, Indiana, has been publicly censured by his assistant bishop for attending the Black Crook. His church, the wealthlest in the State, sustains

—Bishop McIlvaine lately published a long letter to a clergyman who had difficulties about the Romanizing germs of the Prayer-book, exclaining them all away. This letter was sent to all Evangelical bishops, and their opinion on the subject desired. They have all endorsed it, strongly upholding the character of the Prayerbook. These letters are now published, with the object of drawing off from their purpose those radical Episcopalians who meet this month in convention at Chicago, and who are moving for a revision of the Prayer-book. They are thus informed that they cannot have any sympathy or aid even from the most advanced of their

CATHOLIC. -A Manchester (N. H.) clergyman lately stated that the 7000 Catholics of that city have for three years raised more money for religious purposes than the 20,000 Protestants; that their

purposes that the 20,000 Protestants: that their church property was worth twice as much as that of the Protestants, and their church attendance as large as theirs.

—In a recent official report of the Greek Church of Russia, it is stated that during 1867 there were 13,630 persons who left the Roman Catholic for the Greek Church, mostly in the

western provinces. Entire communities came over, with the priest at their head.

—An Austrian Catholic bishop was lately ar-rested for refusing to obey a legal summons, and was brought by the police before the court. A

zano, the Imperial delegate, endeavored to pre-vent it, but was driven from the assembly, and was obliged to ask the protection of the gendarmeric, having used expressions insulting to the Church and the Holy Father. The Tyrolese are the true sons of their fathers of the year '9, and worthy fellow-countrymen of Andreas Hofer. The object of the meeting was to protest against the secular schools which the Government is attempting to force on the Tyrol. At Prague the Minister of Public Instruction has issued a cir-cular blaming the authorities of the University for having permitted an address to the Pope or

-A new house of worship was dedicated at Kinderhook, New York, May 19.

-The First Church of Albany has contributed, during the last six years, for benevolent and congregational purposes, \$134,776, being an average of \$22,462 per year. Additions to the church 282, making the whole number of members 737. The Sunday School contains 800 pupils and teachers, and the libraries 1500 volumes. The pastor, Rev. Rufus W. Clark. D. D., has been gaanted leave of absence for four months to visit Europe; and he sailed for Charger the Other Charger the Charger the Sunday School and School Glasgow the 29th ultimo.

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